

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/912,503

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 4/19/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance of claims 1 & 3 is the inclusion of the limitations for printer for unidirectionally feeding a printer sheet that includes a platen that is rotatably provided free from being rotated by a driving power source, and one roller of the paired feed rollers located on the thermal head side with respect to the printed sheet is a driving roller which is rotated by the driving power source and the other roller located on the platen side is a driven roller which is not rotated by the driving power source. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 2 & 4 is the inclusion of the limitations for printer for feeding a printer sheet that includes a platen that is rotatably provided free from being rotated by a driving power source, and one roller of the paired feed rollers located on the thermal head side with respect to the printed sheet is a driving roller which is rotated by the driving power source and the other roller located on the platen side is a driven roller which is not rotated by the driving power source and the printer having a moving member on which the thermal head and the driving roller or the platen and the driven roller are mounted, the moving member being held on a fixing portion to be movable in a direction in which the thermal head and the platen, the driving roller and the driven roller, respectively, approach to or separate from each other, so that when the moving member is moved in a direction of separation, portions

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between the thermal head and the platen and between the driving roller and the driven roller are both exposed to the outside. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claim 5 is the inclusion of the limitations for printer for feeding a printer sheet that includes a platen that is rotatably provided free from being rotated by a driving power source, and one roller of the paired feed rollers located on the thermal head side with respect to the printed sheet is a driving roller which is rotated by the driving power source and the other roller located on the platen side is a driven roller which is not rotated by the driving power source and the printer having a moving member on which the thermal head and the driving roller or the platen and the driven roller are mounted, the moving member being held on a fixing portion to be movable in a direction in which the thermal head and the platen, the driving roller and the driven roller, respectively, approach to or separate from each other; paired pressing rollers continuously pressing against each other provided downstream of the driving roller and the driven roller in a feeding direction of the printed sheet and driving means for independently rotating the pressing roller. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Communication With The USPTO

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to K. Feggins whose telephone number is 571-272-2254. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on 571-272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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